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REPORT SHOWING CRIME DECREASE
 STATISTICS IN CHICAGO
 W. C. T. U. Statement Presented To Congress Recently Is Given To Show Prohibition Result

The following statement, compiled by the W. C. T. U., was filed before the House Judiciary committee at Washington before congress adjourned.
 There has been a decrease of 43 per cent in three years of persons in Cook county, Illinois, called to answer criminal charges. Up to the time prohibition went into effect the Chicago Bridewell had from 1,800 to 2,200 inmates; now it has less than one-half. At Harrison street station, the central court of the city, before prohibition two judges gave their entire time to disposing of the criminal business, having as high as 400 cases in a morning. Now there is only one judge—seldom over 125 cases and many times less.
 Since the Eighteenth Amendment went into effect, one court, where many cases were tried daily, has been closed in Hyde Park; another at Halsted and Thirty-fifth street. The number of dependents on charity has decreased. The Chicago United Charities say the number of relief cases due to drink has decreased 69.9 per cent. Judge Olsen, United States District Attorney in the Federal court, has closed twelve breweries, padlocked twenty million dollars worth of real estate by injunction proceedings, and obtained convictions in 1,504 cases.

In Hospitals
 September, 1922, the total number of inmates in nine hospitals was 18,767. In September, 1923, the total in nine hospitals was 18,970—an increase of 203, less than one per cent. The number of patients admitted in 1922 who were alcoholics was 5.2 per cent less than the number in the years before prohibition.
 Number of admissions of drug addicts from September, 1922, to September, 1923, was very small.
 The average number of deaths from alcoholism in 1916-17 in Chicago was 216; after prohibition (1920-1921) the average was 72.5. In 1918, 169 persons died from alcoholism in the Bridewell, Chicago's city prison. In 1923 only one died in this hospital from alcoholism. Much is being said about the great increase of persons afflicted with alcoholism who came into the psychopathic wards; 5,042 persons passed through these wards in the Cook County hospital at Chicago, and there were only 111 deaths, or two and one-half per cent. In the twenty years preceding prohibition 45,000 persons had been sent to the Bridewell in Chicago for alcoholism. Last year there was not a single case of delirium tremens, and the ward is closed, and there was only one case of death from alcoholism.

Few Cases
 In a recent statement before the Chicago Medical society, Dr. Cypess said that 27,566 patients passed through the County hospital in 1922, and out of that number there was not a single case of delirium tremens. In 1918 the death rate in the County hospital was 16 per cent. This was decreased each year. Last year it was 8 and three-quarter per cent, and in no year is there shown such a low death rate as this.

PROBATE MATTERS IN COURT LATELY
 Orders and Docket Entries In Settlement of Various Estates Made
 Among a number of estate matters heard last week in probate court, the will of Irving Stieglitz of Highland Park, bequeathing property valued at \$10,000, was admitted to record. All was bequeathed to his wife, Helene W. Stieglitz, to whom letters testamentary also were issued.
 Action in other estates was taken as follows:
 Dora Schroeder, Libertyville; Will admitted to probate; estate valued at \$1,000 bequeathed as follows:—Chattel property in Wauconda to Henrietta Hircir, granddaughter; \$5 to Minnie Wheelock, daughter; \$5.00 to Charles Schroeder, son; chattel property in Libertyville to son, Geo. Schroeder; remainder of estate to son, George Schroeder.
 Lewis H. Felter, Antioch—Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing August 4, 1924.
 John Richardson—Claim of Daisy Richardson allowed for \$500 in full settlement.
 Lewis H. Bryant, Waukegan—Executor authorized to sell and transfer shares of stock.
 Frederica Tasche, Barrington—Report of sale of personal property approved.
 Anna Marie Bader, Libertyville—Final report and account approved; estate closed; executor discharged.
 Thomas McCann, Waukegan—Final report and account approved; distribution ordered.
 Charles Richard Wickens, Zion—Final report and account approved; estate closed; administrator discharged.
 Sarah Hook, Grayslake—Inventory and appraisal bill approved.
 Alice E. Moreton, Highland Park—Inventory approved; appraisal waived; administrator authorized to pay \$50 in payment of burial lot.

STATE BUILDS FIVE FISH HATCHERIES
 Stratton Announces Construction Started to Supply Game Fish

Work on two large fish hatcheries in East St. Louis and Yorkville has started, and at least three more will be built this summer, according to William J. Stratton, of Ingleside, chief warden of the state division of game and fish.
 Excavating machines are now at work throwing up retaining levees at St. Louis and Yorkville, which will impound the artificial lakes necessary for the work. The lakes will be filled by spillways to the river when the work is completed early next month.
 "Adult bass will be introduced in the lakes this fall," Mr. Stratton said, "and next spring millions of fingerlings or young bass, will be ready for distribution in Illinois waterways. The hatchery at Spring Grove in one season turned out approximately 30,000,000 wall-eyed pike, 20,000,000 lake trout, more than 1,000,000 each of sunfish, perch and bluegills and 1,500,000 of silver salmon, besides smaller numbers of several other varieties. More than 5,000,000 bass were artificially produced and distributed by the Spring Grove plant."
 "The lakes will be so distributed that the whole state can be supplied with young fish at a minimum loss in transportation. Locations for all of them have not been definitely picked, but we intend to build one near Rockford soon."
 "The demand for fish for stocking streams and private lakes and reservoirs has been so great that our facilities were entirely inadequate, but with the added capacity which our new bass lakes will give us, we hope

to be able to supply all of the waters of the state with stock.
 "The young fish will be taken from the artificial lakes next spring and distributed by our special fish car, which has a capacity of from 40,000 to 60,000 adult fish, or 150,000 fingerlings."

SKYSCRAPERS SAFE IN THUNDERSTORM
 Expert Says Tall Buildings Are Electrostatic Shields And Steel is Conductor

New York skyscrapers are the safest places in all the world during thunderstorms, says a man who knows a good deal about lightning. Tall buildings, are electrostatic shields, he explains, because the steel used in their construction absorbs the electricity. Comforting word that to the city dwellers, but, even so, a problem to transportation must be solved. When the thunder lets go its opening salvo, and the lightning begins to rip, how should the storm-ridden reach the refuge of a big building with the promise of safety in its steel bones?
 What a racing and chasing there would be to towering temples of business should the good man's pronouncement have wide acceptance. Folks afoot might lose ground in the middle distances, but on form they should hold the advantage at the finish, as the off-chance of finding a place to park raises the odds against the motorists.
 It's all well enough to point out safety in skyscrapers, but the attainment of that security seems rather difficult and doubtful. Whatever became of that fellow Ajax? He is reported to have had a speaking acquaintance with lightning. True, he was rather reckless with his talk, and probably a bad risk, but he did have faith in his immunity to shock. An arresting figure, Ajax—perhaps the very first of the irreconcilables to stand up for splendid insulation.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 283

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois having ordered the construction of a connected system of sanitary sewers to be laid in, along and under County Line Road, Green Bay Road, Ridgewood Drive, Braeside Road, Marion Avenue, Oak Grove Avenue and Burton Avenue, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city and having applied to the County Court of Lake county for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the Ninth (9th) day of August A. D. 1924, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.
 Said assessment is payable in Ten (10) installments, with interest at the rate of six (6) per centum per annum on all installments from and after date of issue of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.
FRED SCHAEFER,
 Officer appointed to make said Assessment.
 Dated at Highland Park, Ill., July 24th, 1924.
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